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## Users

This manual is for those Federal officers (U. S. Customs and Border Protection), Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Fish and Wildlife Service) authorized to act for Plant Protection and Quarantine, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture (PPQ, APHIS, USDA) at ports of entry along the Mexican border..

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## Scope

This guide covers the regulatory action to take for **noncommercial** importations originating in Mexico. Refer all **commercial** importations to PPQ.

This guide does **not** authorize the release of any commercial importation of any agricultural product. **All commercial shipments of agricultural products must enter through a port staffed by PPQ.**

It is at the discretion of local PPQ managers to establish operations at unstaffed ports of entry. When other Federal officers act on behalf of USDA-APHIS-PPQ, the extent of their authority is based on risk and

past experiences. They must be formally trained and ongoing communication must be established. At some unstaffed ports, Federal officers will use this guide, at others they use Program Aid 941, Mexican Border: U.S. Agricultural Quarantine Information.

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## Purpose

The purpose of this guide is to enable Federal officers to allow entry of agricultural commodities and other articles of concern to USDA in the absence of a PPQ officer. To regulate means to:

- ◆ **Prohibit entry** to those articles that pose a threat to the agriculture of the United States.
- ◆ **Allow entry** to those articles that this guide authorizes release of.
- ◆ **Contact PPQ** on those articles that require extensive inspection, testing, or treatment; or if there is any uncertainty as to the enterability of an article.

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## Authorized Actions

Use your best, professional judgement in selecting the appropriate action to prevent the entry of plant pests and animal diseases.

### Prohibit Entry

Don't let the article into the United States. You may:

1. Allow the article to be returned to Mexico, if practical and no other guideline applies. If the fruit is from the interior of Mexico, it may not be allowed into the United States nor the border area from San Luis, Sonora to Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.
2. Refer the article to PPQ for a decision if you are uncomfortable about prohibiting entry.
3. Seize the article for destruction if the first two options are not available.

### Allow Entry

Admit those articles that pose no pest risk to American agriculture.

### Contact PPQ

Consult with a PPQ officer on those articles you are unsure of, or where the article requires extensive inspection, testing, or treatment.

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## Where to Go for Help

The following is a list of ports along the Mexican border with the hours, telephone numbers, and fax numbers:

### Western Region

#### **Nogales PPQ Offices**

Port Director  
520-287-4783  
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Fx. 520-287-6941

Grand Avenue Port of Entry (through USCS<sup>1</sup>)  
520-287-1429  
Hours: Sunday through Saturday, 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.  
Fx. 520-287-6941

Mariposa Port of Entry (through USCS<sup>1</sup>)  
520-287-3524 or 287-1435  
Hours: Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 10: 00 p.m.  
Fx. 520-287-6941

Cargo Office/Commercial Port of Entry  
520-287-9458  
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Fx. 520-287-2832

#### **Douglas PPQ Office**

Port Director: 520-374-7376  
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Fx. 520-364-4138

#### **San Luis PPQ Office**

Port Director: 520-627-2836  
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Fx. 520-627-3613

#### **Calexico PPQ Office**

Port Director: 760-768-2540  
Hours: Sunday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Fx. 619-357-8159

#### **San Ysidro PPQ Office**

Port Director 619-662-7333  
Hours: Sunday through Saturday, 6:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.  
Fx. 619-662-7335

#### **Los Angeles International Airport**

For 24-Hour Assistance  
310-215-2431  
Fx. 310-215-1379

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<sup>1</sup> USCS phone numbers are listed because PPQ officers are not inside the offices in secondary, but can be reached through Customs.

## **Central Region**

### **Brownsville PPQ Offices**

Port Director (Gateway Bridge Port of Entry)

956-548-2543

Port Director Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Hours: Monday through Sunday Operations

Fx. 956-548-2724

**24-Hour Operations available at all bridges by calling Operations  
Desk at Gateway number.**

B&M Bridge Port of Entry

956-548-2796

Hours: Monday through Sunday Operations

Fx. 956-548-2791

Los Indios Bridge Port of Entry

956-399-2087

Hours: Monday through Sunday Operations

Fx. 956-399-4001

Progreso Bridge Port of Entry

956-565-4292

Hours: Monday through Sunday Operations

Fx. 956-565-9709

### **Pharr PPQ Offices**

Port Director (Pharr Bridge Port of Entry)

956-783-5052

Port Director Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hours: Monday through Sunday Operations

Fx. 956-783-5387

**24-Hour Operations available at all bridges by calling Operations  
Desk at Gateway number**

Hidalgo Bridge Port of Entry

956-843-2552

Hours: Monday through Sunday Operations

Fx. 956-843-9723

Roma Bridge Port of Entry

956-849-1561

Hours: Monday through Sunday Operations

Rio Grande City Bridge Port of Entry

956-487-5701

Hours: Monday through Sunday Operations

**Laredo PPQ  
Offices**

Port Director (Lincoln-Juarez Bridge Port of Entry)  
956-726-2265  
Port Director Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m - 5:00 p.m.  
Hours: Monday through Sunday Operations  
Fx. 956-726-2322  
**24-Hour Operations available at all bridges by calling Line Office  
at 956-726-5540**

Colombia Bridge Port of Entry  
956-417-5520  
Hours: Monday through Sunday Operations  
Fx. 956-417-5540

**Eagle Pass PPQ  
Offices**

Port Director  
830-758-5562  
Port Director Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Hours: Monday through Sunday Operations  
Fx. 830-758-5561  
**24-Hour Operations available at all bridges by calling office at  
Eagle Pass**

Del Rio Bridge Port of Entry  
830-775-3028  
Fx. 830-774-3651

**El Paso PPQ  
Offices**

Port Director (Bridge of the Americas [BOTA] Port of Entry)  
915-872-4720  
Fx. 915-872-4738  
**Port Director Hours: Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**  
**24-Hour Operations available at BOTA, Ysleta, PNA by calling  
BOTA POE Operations at 915-534-6652**  
**Fx. 915-534-6653**

Ysleta Bridge Port of Entry  
915-872-3485/86  
Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Fx. 915-872-3489

Paseo del Norte (PDN) Bridge Port of Entry  
915-872-4741

Presidio Bridge Port of Entry  
915-229-3643  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Fx. 915-229-3908

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Fabens Bridge Port of Entry  
915-764-5512  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Fx. 915-764-5604

Santa Teresa (NM) Port of Entry  
505-589-2355  
Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Fx. 505-589-0332

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## How to Report Errors and Suggest Improvements

If you want to report an error in this guide, or suggest an improvement, contact or send comments to your local PPQ office. Your contact will forward your comments or suggestions to the appropriate office for action.

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## How to Use This Guide

Select the tab that best fits the category you have a question about. Use the table of contents for that category to select the topic that best fits the question you have. This guide is divided into eight broad categories:

- ◆ Introduction
- ◆ Animal and Animal Products—Noncommercial
- ◆ Plants and Plant Products—Noncommercial
- ◆ Miscellaneous
- ◆ Procedures
- ◆ Appendixes
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Turn to the appropriate page and follow the decision table to either allow entry, prohibit entry, or contact PPQ.

If you cannot find the answer to your question in this guide, then contact the nearest PPQ office for assistance. Refer to [page 1-3](#) for a list of contacts under [Where to Go for Help](#).

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## **Determining Origin**

Determine the origin of the article by:

- ◆ Looking at stenciling on fruit, packaging markings on sealed meat products, and sales receipts;
- ◆ Questioning the traveler; and
- ◆ Using your best judgement.

If at anytime you are suspicious or hesitant about the origin of an agricultural product, then prohibit entry of the product or contact the nearest PPQ office.

### **Alert 1—Meats and Eggs**

Prohibit entry to packages of meats or eggs that are not hermetically sealed (air tight), regardless if the traveler claims the agricultural products came from the United States. (It is common to substitute Mexican agricultural products in U.S. packaging.)

### **Alert 2—Mediterranean Fruit Fly Concern**

As the risk of Mediterranean fruit fly increases, agricultural products from the Mexican states bordering the Central American states of Belize and Guatemala are of significant interest to PPQ. Therefore, for any traveler having agricultural products who is coming from Central America, contact the nearest PPQ office for information on admissibility.

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## **Smuggling**

Prohibited agricultural articles are subject to seizure and penalties when undeclared or concealed. Contact the nearest Office of Fines, Penalties and Forfeitures of the U.S. Customs Service to determine penalty procedures. Once the article is seized, follow the approved disposal method of the prohibited articles or contact PPQ for assistance.

If you uncover what you believe to be a smuggling operation, or have information of illegally imported agricultural articles, please contact PPQ as soon as possible. PPQ will alert Investigative and Enforcement Services (IES) for possible investigation.

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## Abbreviations

APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
CITES	Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species
END	Exotic Newcastle Disease
FDA	Food and Drug Administration
FWS	Fish and Wildlife Service
HC	Hog Cholera
IES	Investigative and Enforcement Services
INS	Immigration and Naturalization Service
PPQ	Plant Protection and Quarantine
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USC	United States Customs Service
VS	Veterinary Services

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## Definitions

### Avian

Pertaining to birds, including pet birds, poultry, and game birds.

### Bees Wax

Obtained by melting honeycomb with boiling water.

### Comb honey

Comb kept intact with the honey.

### Equine

Pertaining to horses, burros, and mules, including wild and domestic.

### Game birds

Nonmigratory and migratory birds that are free flying (not pen raised) and are hunted for food, including ducks, geese, pigeons, doves, quail, pheasants, partridge, and grouse.

### Honeycomb

Wax cells built by honeybees to contain young and to store honey.

### Pet birds

Birds that are intended for the pleasure of their owner (not intended for food), including songbirds, parrots, finches, mynahs, etc.



### **Poultry**

Pertaining to domestic fowl that are pen raised, including chickens, turkeys, swans, pheasants, grouse, partridges, quail, guinea fowl, ducks, geese, pigeons, doves, and ratites (flightless birds, such as ostrich, emu, rhea).

### **Ruminant**

Pertaining to the bovine and ovine families, including cows, sheep, goats, deer, giraffes, camels, antelope, gazelles, bison, and buffalo.

### **Swine**

Pertaining to the porcine family, including domestic and wild pigs, hogs, boars, wart hogs, and javelinas.

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## Animals and Animal Products—Noncommercial

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## Live Animals and Birds

Regulate live animals and birds under 9CFR 92 to reduce the risk of introducing exotic animal diseases into the United States. Refer to [Table 2-1](#).



PPQ does **not** deal with live animals. They are referred to Veterinary Services (VS), USDA. The primary agency at the border for dealing with live animals is U.S. Customs Service (USCS). Exception is when PPQ acts for VS as in the case of pet birds. Ratites (ostrich, emu, rhea) are considered poultry by VS, but wildlife by Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS).

**TABLE 2-1: Regulating Live Animals and Birds**

If the live animals or birds are:	And they:	Then:
Domestic, livestock or animals such as: ◆ Brushtail possum ◆ Cattle ◆ Goats ◆ Hogs (swine) ◆ Hedgehogs ◆ Horses ◆ Llamas ◆ Poultry ◆ Rhinoceros ◆ Sheep ◆ Tapir ◆ Tenrec		CONTACT the nearest VS office for further action
Hatching eggs (embryos)	Poultry	CONTACT the nearest VS office for further action
	<b>Other than</b> Poultry (including ratites)	CONTACT the nearest VS and FWS offices for further action
Ratites (ostrich, emu, rhea) live birds or hatching eggs		CONTACT the nearest VS and FWS offices for further action
Livestock dogs used for herding		CONTACT the nearest VS office for further action
Pet birds of any kind (songbirds, parrots, finches, mynahs, etc.)		CONTACT the nearest VS and FWS offices for further action
Domestic pet dogs ( <b>not</b> livestock dogs) and cats	Are younger than 3 months	RELEASE if the dogs and cats appear to be healthy
	Are 3 months old or older	REQUIRE the traveler to have a vaccination record for U.S. Customs

**TABLE 2-1: Regulating Live Animals and Birds (continued)**

If the live animals or birds are:	And they:	Then:
Domestic, lab or farm raised pet, such as: ♦ Chinchilla ♦ Ferrets ♦ Gerbils ♦ Guinea Pigs ♦ Hamsters ♦ Mice ♦ Mink ♦ Rabbits ♦ Rats	The animal <b>was not</b> deliberately inoculated or infected with disease causing organisms	CONTACT the nearest FWS office (these animals are <b>not</b> regulated by APHIS)
	The animal may have been inoculated or exposed to disease	CONTACT the nearest VS office
Other pets, such as: ♦ Bears ♦ Circus Animals ♦ Foxes ♦ Reptiles	→	CONTACT the nearest FWS offices for further action
Primates (non-human)	→	CONTACT the nearest FWS office and the U.S. Public Health Service
Any wild animal, reptile, or bird for exhibit or display	→	CONTACT the nearest VS and FWS offices



Where the action is to contact FWS, release live animals only after calling FWS because certain ones are endangered and certain species are prohibited by the States.

VS and FWS local contacts (fill in):

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## Inedible Animal Products

Regulate inedible animal products under 9CFR 95 to reduce the risk of introducing exotic animal diseases.

The actions in this section are for products imported for personal use only from Mexico, Central American countries (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama), or returned U.S. origin.

**TABLE 2-2: Regulating Inedible Animal Products**

If the inedible animal products are:	And are:	Then:
Glands or organs	→	CONTACT the nearest PPQ office
Trophies or stuffed mounts (see also <a href="#">Table 2-3</a> for trophies of antlers, bones, feathers, hooves, or horns)	Taxidermy finished and ready to exhibit	RELEASE <b>NOTE:</b> For trophies of wild game, contact the nearest FWS office
	<b>Not</b> finished	CONTACT the nearest PPQ office <b>NOTE:</b> For trophies of wild game, also contact the nearest FWS office
Hides and skins (including bird capes)	Feather, tanned, or hard (flint) dried	RELEASE <b>NOTE:</b> For trophies of wild game, contact the nearest FWS office
	<b>Not</b> finished as described above	CONTACT the nearest PPQ office. <b>NOTE:</b> Be aware of ticks on fresh hides, primarily deer hides or skins.
Biologicals, serums, cell cultures of nonhuman species	→	CONTACT the nearest PPQ office
Blood or blood products of nonhuman species	→	
Empty egg shells of birds including confetti eggs (cascarones)	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Waste products: ◆ Dung ◆ Fertilizer from animal origin ◆ Guano ◆ Urine	An importation	CONTACT the nearest PPQ office
	Contaminants	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Wool, hair, or bristles	Washed, scoured, or dyed	RELEASE
	Dirty, greasy, blood stained	CONTACT the nearest PPQ office
Antlers, bones, feathers, hooves, or horns	→	GO to <a href="#">Table 2-3</a>
Any other inedible animal product <b>not</b> described above	→	CONTACT the nearest PPQ office for further action

**TABLE 2-3: Regulating Trophies**

If the products imported are:	And are:	Then:
As trophies (taxidermy finished and ready to exhibit)	Game birds	CONTACT PPQ for processing to an approved establishment, and CONTACT the nearest FWS office
	Cows, sheep, goats, deer (ruminant)	RELEASE <b>NOTE:</b> For trophies of wild game, contact the nearest FWS office
	Hogs (swine)	
	Horses (equine) or another animal that does <b>not</b> fit into one of the above categories, such as, elephant, tiger, or rhinoceros	
For purposes <b>other than</b> trophies (manufacturing, decoration, or medicinal)	→	CONTACT the nearest PPQ office

## Edible Animal Products

Regulate edible animal products under 9CFR 94 to reduce the risk of introducing exotic animal diseases.

The actions in this section are for products imported for personal use only (less than 50 pounds) from Mexico, Central American countries (Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama), or returned U.S. origin.

**TABLE 2-4: Regulating Edible Animal Products**

If the product is:	And derived from:	And is:	Then:
Blood for ethnic use	Cattle, sheep, goat (ruminants)	Accompanied by the animal carcass or parts	RELEASE
		<b>Not</b> accompanied by the carcass or parts	PROHIBIT ENTRY
	Other than above	—————→	
Bouillon cubes, dehydrated soups, canned foods, powders	—————→	Shelf stable in cans or bottles	RELEASE
Eggs for consumption	Bird (avian)	Uncooked	PROHIBIT ENTRY
		Fully cooked	RELEASE
	Reptile	—————→	CONTACT the nearest FWS office
Dairy products (milk, butter, cheese, etc.)	Cattle, goat (ruminants)	Any condition	RELEASE
Game birds—free flying birds that have been hunted. <b>Not</b> domestic or pen raised (are considered poultry, see next block)	Migratory and non-migratory birds	Eviscerated, with feet and head removed	CONTACT the nearest FWS office
		<b>Not</b> as described above	PROHIBIT ENTRY



**TABLE 2-4: Regulating Edible Animal Products (continued)**

If the product is:	And derived from:		And is:	Then:
Meat or meat products (including poultry), edible organs, and edible body parts	Bird (avian)		Fresh, frozen, uncooked	PROHIBIT ENTRY
			Fully cooked, or in shelf stable containers ( <b>not</b> if in foil or plastic pouches)	RELEASE
			Horses (equine)	
	Cattle (ruminant)	Domestic, including goat	Fresh, chilled, frozen, or dried (machaca)	RELEASE
		Wild, such as deer	—————→	CONTACT the nearest FWS office
	Hogs (swine)	Domestic	Fresh, frozen, cooked, dried, lard	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CALL PPQ
			Fried to the point of being crispy ( <b>not</b> greasy), or in shelf stable containers ( <b>not</b> if in foil or plastic pouches), no meat/fat parts	RELEASE
		Wild, such as wild boar or javelina	—————→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CALL PPQ and CONTACT the nearest FWS office
			Rattlesnake	—————→
Any edible animal product <b>not</b> described above			—————→	CONTACT PPQ

## Animal Contaminants

Regulate animal contaminants under 9CFR 95 to reduce the risk of introducing exotic animal diseases.

**TABLE 2-5: Regulating Animal Contaminants**

If the products or articles are:	And derived from:	And:	Then:
Bags, bagging, or covers used to haul meat; made of burlap, cloth, jute, synthetic material or other material		→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ (see also <a href="#">Table 4-1</a> )
Cages, carriers, vehicles, stalls, or trailers (used)  The kinds of animal contaminants to look for are animal wastes, feed, bedding, or blood.  Such articles may be returned to Mexico for cleaning.	Birds (avian) <sup>1</sup>	Are visibly clean	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ (needs to be treated)
	Horses (equine)	Are visibly clean	RELEASE
		Appear contaminated	PROHIBITED ENTRY
	Cattle (ruminant)	Are visibly clean	RELEASE
		Appear contaminated	PROHIBIT ENTRY
	Hogs (swine) <sup>1</sup>	→	
	Other than above	→	RELEASE
Cartons, crates, boxes, or flats used to package eggs	→	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Semen containers (used)	→	→	
Straw or hay		Entering as an importation	CONTACT PPQ
	→	Entering as contaminants	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Medical equipment, medications, or vaccinations for animals	→	Are used	CONTACT VS
	→	Are new	RELEASE

<sup>1</sup> Birds (avian) and hog (swine) contamination requires chemical disinfection treatments for microscopic organisms.

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## Bamboo and Bamboo Parts

Regulate bamboo from all countries to prevent the entry of bamboo smut (*Ustilago shiraiana*) and other exotic pathogens.

**TABLE 3-1: Regulating Bamboo and Bamboo Articles**

If the parts are:	And:	And:	Then:
Canes or cane pieces for processing or manufacturing (for example, seeds for: ◆ Musical instruments ◆ Walking canes ◆ Furniture)	The parts are dried completely and hollow with no green showing—they <b>cannot</b> be grown	→	RELEASE
	Showing some green—they can be grown	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Leaves	Canned, cooked, dried, pickled preserved, or prepared so that any pest or disease have been killed	→	RELEASE
	<b>Not</b> prepared as described above or you are unsure whether pests have been killed	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Rhizomes	→	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Root clumps	→	→	
Seeds	→	→	
Seed heads	→	→	

**TABLE 3-1: Regulating Bamboo and Bamboo Articles (continued)**

If the parts are:	And:	And:	Then:
Shoots (for consumption)	Fresh or frozen	Are peeled or trimmed such that all outer green tissue is removed (leaving a white to off-white piece of the stem)	RELEASE
		Are <b>not</b> peeled or trimmed or you see green, outer tissue	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
	Canned, cooked, dried, pickled, preserved, or otherwise prepared	You are confident that any pest or disease has been killed	RELEASE
		You judge that pests could have survived or you are unsure whether pests have been killed	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Not listed above			CONTACT PPQ

## Broomcorn and Broomcorn Parts

Restrict entry of broomcorn under 7CFR 319.41 to prevent the further spread of the European corn borer.

**TABLE 3-2: Regulating Broomcorn and Broomcorn Parts**

If the parts are:	Then:
Broomcorn <sup>1</sup> or an article made of broomcorn or broom straw such as brooms	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ

- 1 The botanical name of broomcorn is *Sorghum bicolor* var. *technicus*. Broomcorn is a grass having flower clusters with stiff, branching stalks that are used to make brooms and brushes. On the other hand, broomstraw is the essential part of broomcorn that is used to manufacture brooms. To be classified broomstraw, each straw must be entirely free from stems, stalks, leaves, and stubs of stalks and stems.

## Cactus, Succulents, and Other Protected Plants

Regulate the plants and plant parts of cactus, succulents, and other protected plants whether alive or dead, under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Convention for International Trade in the Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), 50CFR 17 and

50CFR 23. Protected plants including cactus, orchids, and cycads and their parts and articles made from parts, require permits and must be cleared at designated ports.

Refer all potential importers of cactus plants and plant parts to the nearest PPQ office.

CITES designated ports are as follow:

**Arizona**

Nogales, 520-287-4783

**California**

San Ysidro, 619-662-7333

**Texas**

Los Indios Plant Inspection Station, Brownsville, 956-399-2087

El Paso Plant Inspection Station, 915-534-6650

Take action on any attempt at smuggling protected plants or plant parts. Seize them. Get necessary information from the smuggler: identification, vehicle information, narrative of incident (for possible prosecution by FWS). Contact the nearest CITES designated port for direction. If directed, send the plants or plant parts to the designated port.

**TABLE 3-3: Regulating Cactus, Succulents, and Other Protected Plants**

If the articles are:	And intended for:	And are:	Then:
Cactus plants or plant parts for planting		→	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ</li> <li>◆ Have importer SIGN Customs Form 4607, Notice of Abandonment and Assets to Forfeiture of Prohibited or Seized Merchandise and Certificate of Destruction</li> <li>◆ DO NOT DESTROY plants</li> <li>◆ SEND plants via U.S. mail with form to the nearest CITES designated port</li> </ul>
Cactus plants for decoration in U.S. returned motor homes		→	
Cactus plant parts	Consumption or medicinal purposes	Prickly pear pads or fruits (only tunas <sup>1</sup> , nopalitos, and ioconoxtle)	RELEASE
		Aloe vera leaves—not the whole plant (commonly used as an ointment remedy)	
		Agave hearts	
	Decoration, ornamentation, or further processing (e.g., saguaro ribs or organ pipe skeletons) in any form, even as decoration on furniture	Other forms of cactus and succulents	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
		→	
Ocotillo stems or plants (e.g., living fences) green or dried		→	
Orchids, cycads		→	

1 Pitaya is the fruit from another cactus that is prohibited, but looks similar to tuna. Therefore, if the article is declared as pitaya, PROHIBIT ENTRY.

## Citrus Plants and Plant Parts

Regulate citrus plants and plant parts under 7CFR 319.56 and 7CFR 319.28 to prevent the entry of fruit flies, citrus blackfly, citrus canker, bacteriosis, and other citrus diseases.

**TABLE 3-4: Regulating Citrus Plants and Plant Parts**

If the parts are:	And they are:	And they are:	Then:
Fruit without leaves	Fresh (whole or segmented, peeled or unpeeled)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Key lime</li> <li>◆ Persian lime</li> <li>◆ Mexican sour lime</li> </ul>	RELEASE
		Other fresh fruit of citrus including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Sweet lime</li> <li>◆ Oranges</li> <li>◆ Tangerines</li> </ul>	PROHIBIT ENTRY
	Processed, but prohibited in its raw, fresh state	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Cooked</b> by heat to the point of being mushy, or</li> <li>◆ <b>Canned</b> to the point of being hermetically sealed and shelf stable, or</li> <li>◆ <b>Candied</b> to the point of being unidentifiable, or</li> <li>◆ <b>Juiced</b> or <b>pureed</b> with no chunks of fruit present, or</li> <li>◆ <b>Frozen</b> to the point of being solid, or</li> <li>◆ <b>Dried</b> to the point of being completely desiccated and hard</li> </ul>	RELEASE
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Partially cooked</b> (blanched), or</li> <li>◆ <b>Home canned</b> (not shelf stable), or</li> <li>◆ <b>Candied</b> but still readily identifiable as the fruit, or</li> <li>◆ <b>Juiced</b> or <b>pureed</b> with chunks of fruit present; contains pulp, or</li> <li>◆ <b>Frozen</b> only to the point of being semi-hard or soft, or</li> <li>◆ <b>Dried</b> to the point of having some moisture, soft, or</li> <li>◆ <b>Peeled, sliced, or cut</b> without any further processing</li> </ul>	PROHIBIT ENTRY



**TABLE 3-4: Regulating Citrus Plants and Plant Parts (continued)**

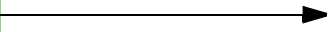
If the parts are:	And they are:	And they are:	Then:
Peel, dried or fresh		→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Plants, whole		→	
Plant parts usually imported for medicinal purposes:			
◆ Bark		→	
◆ Flowers			
◆ Leaves			
◆ Roots			
◆ Stems			
Seeds		→	
Forms or parts <b>other than</b> those described above		→	

## Cooked, Canned, Candied Fruits and Vegetables

Regulate cooked, canned, and candied fruits and vegetables under 7CFR 319.56 because some forms of processing are not adequate to prevent the entry of harmful, exotic insects and diseases.

1. Determine if the fruit or vegetable would be allowed to enter. Refer to a list of fresh fruits and vegetables that are allowed to enter beginning on [page 3-12](#) under **Fresh Fruits and Vegetables**.
2. Then use [Table 3-5](#) and [Table 3-6](#) to take action.

**TABLE 3-5: Regulating Processed Fruits and Vegetables**

If the fruits or vegetables in their raw, fresh state are:	And are:	Then:
Admissible  (Refer to <b>Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</b> beginning on page <b>page 3-12</b> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Cooked</li> <li>◆ Canned</li> <li>◆ Candied</li> <li>◆ Cut</li> <li>◆ Dried</li> <li>◆ Peeled</li> <li>◆ Frozen, or</li> <li>◆ Otherwise processed</li> </ul>	RELEASE
Prohibited  (Any plant <b>not</b> listed as admissible under <b>Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</b> beginning on <b>page 3-12</b> )		GO to <b>Table 3-6</b>

**TABLE 3-6: Regulating Processed Fruits and Vegetables That Are Prohibited in Their Fresh State**

If the processing is:	Then:
<b>Cooked</b> by heat, to the point of being mushy	RELEASE
<b>Partially cooked</b> (blanched)	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
<b>Canned</b> to the point of being hermetically sealed and shelf <b>stable</b>	RELEASE
<b>Home canned</b> , not shelf stable	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
<b>Candied</b> to the point of being unidentifiable	RELEASE
<b>Still readily identifiable</b> as the fruit or vegetable	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
<b>Juiced</b> or <b>pureed</b> with no chunks of fruit or vegetable present	RELEASE
<b>Juiced</b> or <b>pureed</b> with chunks of fruit or vegetable present	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
<b>Frozen</b> to the point of being solid	RELEASE
<b>Frozen</b> to the point of being semi-hard or soft	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
<b>Dried</b> to the point of being completely desiccated and hard	RELEASE
<b>Dried</b> to the point of having some moisture, or soft	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
<b>Peeled, pitted, sliced, or cut</b> without any further processing	
<b>Other than</b> described above	

## Corn and Plant Parts

Regulate corn and corn plant parts under 7CFR 319.56, 7CFR 319.41, and 7CFR 319.24 to prevent the entry of several exotic downy mildews, Physoderma diseases, and to prevent the spread of the European corn borer (*Ostrina nubilalis*).

**TABLE 3-7: Regulating Corn and Corn Plant Parts**

If the products are:	And are:	Then:
Ears, shucked, or unshucked (fresh, dried, frozen) <sup>1</sup>	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Husks (usually imported for making tamales)	Dried, bleached	RELEASE
	Green	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Stems, roots, stalks, shanks, fodder, hay, silage, stoner, cobs (fresh or dried)	→	
Plants, whole	→	
Seeds that have been removed from the cob for planting or eating	→	
Frozen corn (cobs or kernels) <sup>1</sup>		
Canned corn, cooked	→	RELEASE
Cornmeal, cracked corn, grits, oil, samp, starch	→	
Silks	→	
Corn smut balls (frozen or fresh)	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Articles made or crafted from any part of the corn plant	→	
Any form of the corn plant <b>other than</b> those described above	→	

1 Minimal pest risk at ports of entry in Arizona. Therefore, RELEASE small amounts in baggage only.

## Cotton and Cotton Products

Regulate cotton and cotton plant parts from all countries under 7CFR 319.8 to prevent the entry of pink bollworm (*Pectinophora gossypiella*).



Usually, importations of cotton and cotton plant parts are transiting Mexico from another country. Therefore, the actions in this section apply regardless of origin.

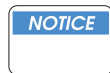
**TABLE 3-8: Regulating Cotton and Cotton Plant Parts**

<b>If the products are:</b>	<b>Then:</b>
Manufactured cotton including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Cotton batting</li> <li>◆ Cotton wool</li> <li>◆ Cotton wax</li> <li>◆ Cottonseed oil</li> </ul>	RELEASE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Raw cotton</li> <li>◆ Cotton bur</li> <li>◆ Cottonseed fluids</li> <li>◆ Cottonseed meal</li> <li>◆ Cotton waste</li> <li>◆ Cottonseed cakes</li> <li>◆ Cottonseed hulls</li> <li>◆ Dried cotton balls</li> </ul>	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Plants for planting or analysis	
Seeds for planting or analysis	
Products <b>not</b> listed in the categories above	CONTACT PPQ

## Cut Flowers and Greenery

Regulate cut flowers and greenery that are imported for decoration or ornamentation under 7CFR 319.74 to prevent the entry of many harmful insects and diseases.

If the plant parts are capable of growing (propagation), then refer to the action under [Plants, Seeds, Bulbs, and Plant Parts](#) beginning on [page 3-18](#).



Use [Table 3-9](#) when regulating cut flowers and greenery of plants **other than** those listed here, which are specifically listed elsewhere in the Guide.

- ◆ Cactus, ocotillo, succulents, orchids, cycads, and other protected plants
- ◆ Grapevine
- ◆ Bamboo
- ◆ Broomcorn
- ◆ Cotton
- ◆ Rice
- ◆ Sugar cane
- ◆ Corn
- ◆ Flowers of plants listed under [Herbs, Spices, Leaves, and Teas](#)

**TABLE 3-9: Regulating Cut Flowers and Greenery**

If the plant parts are:	And are:	And are:	Then:
Processed	Only dried	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
	Lacquered, dyed, painted, varnished, or otherwise processed to kill all diseases or pests	Free of fleshy fruits and obvious insects and diseases	RELEASE
		<b>Not</b> free of fleshy fruits, or obvious insects and diseases are present	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
<b>Not</b> processed as described above	→	→	

## Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Regulate fresh fruits and vegetables under 7CFR 319.56 to prevent the entry of many exotic plant pests.

If you cannot classify the product as a fruit or vegetable, for example, pecan nuts, then go elsewhere in this guide.

- ◆ **Seeds and Nuts for Eating or Decorating**, go to [page 3-20](#).
- ◆ **Herbs, Spices, Leaves, and Teas** (consumption), go to [page 3-16](#).
- ◆ **Cut Flowers and Greenery**, go to [page 3-11](#).
- ◆ **Cooked, Canned, Candied Fruits and Vegetables**, go to [page 3-7](#).
- ◆ **Plants, Seeds, Bulbs, and Plant Parts**, go to [page 3-18](#).



Use this section of the guide differently than the other sections giving action. Refer to [Table 3-10](#) and the examples below.

**TABLE 3-10: Regulating Fresh Fruits and Vegetables**

If the plant name is:	And the plant form is:	Then:
Listed in this section	Listed in this section	RELEASE
	<b>Not</b> listed	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
<b>Not</b> listed  <b>Example:</b> An import of sweet limes would be prohibited because the plant form is <b>not</b> listed.	→	

Plant Name (Admissible)	Plant Form
Amaranth	Leaf or stem
Anise	Leaf or stem
Arrowhead	Fruit or vegetable
Arrowroot	Fruit or vegetable
Artichoke, globe or Jerusalem	Fruit or vegetable
Arugula	Leaf or stem
Asparagus	Fruit or vegetable
Auroraberry	Fruit or vegetable
Avocado (except when going to CA, FL, HI)	Fruit without seed
Ayale (calabash)	Fruit or vegetable
Basil	Bract, leaf, stem

<b>Plant Name (Admissible)</b>	<b>Plant Form</b>
Banana	Flower, leaf, fruit
Bay	Leaf or stem
Beans - catjang, cowpea, broadbean, green, kidney, pinto, string, butter, long, Chinese, mung, and scarlet runner	Pod or shelled
Bean sprouts	Fruit, vegetable, leaf, stem
Beets	Fruit or vegetable
Bitter melon (Chinese cucumber)	Fruit or vegetable
Blackberry	Fruit
Blueberry	Fruit
Borage	Leaf or stem
Breadfruit/breadnut	Fruit or vegetable
Broccoli	Fruit or vegetable
Broccoli, leaf (Chinese kale)	Fruit or vegetable
Brussel sprouts	Fruit or vegetable
Burdock (bardona, gobo)	Fruit or vegetable
Cabbage (head, bok choy, napa)	Fruit or vegetable
Cacao bean pod	Fruit or vegetable
Cannonball (higuera)	Fruit
Cantaloupe	Fruit or vegetable
Carrot	Fruit or vegetable
Cassava (tapioca, yuca)	Fruit or vegetable
Celery and slender celery	Leaf, stem, root
Ceriman (balazo, monstera)	Fruit or vegetable
Chayote	Fruit or vegetable
Chempedak	Fruit or vegetable
Chickpea (garbanzo)	Fruit or vegetable
Chickory	Fruit or vegetable
Chives	Leaf, stem, vegetable
Cilantro (coriander)	Leaf or stem
Cucumber	Flower, vegetable
Dasheen	Fruit or vegetable
Date	Fruit or vegetable
Dewberry	Fruit
Dill	Above ground parts
Durian	Fruit or vegetable
Eggplant	Fruit or vegetable
Garlic	Fruit or vegetable
Ginger root	Fruit or vegetable
Grapes	Fruit or vegetable
Horseradish (except going to HI)	Fruit or vegetable

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### Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Plant Name (Admissible)	Plant Form
Jackfruit (jaca)	Fruit or vegetable
Jicama	Fruit or vegetable
Lamb's quarters	Fruit or vegetable
Lemon	Fruit or vegetable
Lettuce (leaf or head)	Fruit or vegetable
Limes (key, Persian, sour, Mexican)	Fruit or vegetable
Litchi	Fruit or vegetable
Lotus root (water lily root)	Fruit or vegetable
Luffa	Fruit or vegetable
Maguey (agave)	Leaf
Mangel (beet relative)	Fruit or vegetable
Mangosteen (not a mango)	Fruit or vegetable
Marang	Fruit or vegetable
Marjoram	Herb
Melons	Fruit or vegetable
Mint	Herb
Monkey Jack	Fruit or vegetable
Mushrooms	Cap or stem
Mustard greens (baby mustard)	Fruit or vegetable
Naranjilla (not a citrus)	Fruit or vegetable
Olives	Fruit or vegetable
Onions (dried or green)	Fruit or vegetable
Oregano	Herb
Pacaya	Fruit or vegetable
Palm heart	Fruit or vegetable
Papache	Fruit or vegetable
Papalo	Above ground parts
Papaloquelite	Above ground parts
Papaya (from States <b>other than</b> Chiapas, Campeche, or Quintana Roo)	Fruit or vegetable
Paprika	Herb or vegetable
Parsley	Leaf, stem, root
Parsnip	Herb
Pea, including pigeon pea	Pod or shelled
Peanuts	Nut
Pedalai	Fruit or vegetable
Pepicha	Above ground parts
Pepper	Fruit or vegetable
Pimento	Herb or vegetable
Pineapple (except when going to HI)	Fruit or vegetable
Pepper berries (Vietnamese la chau)	Leaf, stem



<b>Plant Name (Admissible)</b>	<b>Plant Form</b>
Poreleaf	Above ground parts
Prickly pear fruits (tuna, joconoxtle) and pads (nopal)	Fruit or vegetable
Pumpkin	Fruit or vegetable
Purslane	Herb
Quilquina	Above ground parts
Radish	Fruit or vegetable
Rampion (bellflower)	Fruit or vegetable
Rape	Fruit or vegetable
Raspberry	Fruit or vegetable
Rhubarb	Fruit or vegetable
Rocoto pepper	Fruit or vegetable
Roselle (sorrel)	Calyx
Rosemary	Above ground parts
Rutabaga	Fruit or vegetable
Sage	Herb
<i>Salicornia</i>	Above ground parts
Salsify	Herb
Scallion	Fruit or vegetable
Shallot	Fruit or vegetable
Soybean	Fruit or vegetable
Spinach	Fruit or vegetable
Squash	Flower, vegetable
Strawberry	Fruit or vegetable
St. John's bread (carob)	Fruit
Swiss chard	Fruit or vegetable
Tamarind	Fruit or vegetable
Tarragon	Leaf or stem
Tepequazj	Fruit
Thyme	Above ground parts
Tomatillo (husk tomato)	Fruit or vegetable
Tomato (garden and cherry)	Fruit or vegetable
Truffles	Cap or stem
Turnip	Fruit or vegetable
Water chestnut	Fruit
Watercress	Fruit or vegetable
Watermelon	Fruit or vegetable
Yam bean (not a sweet potato)	Pod or root

## Grapevines and Grapevine Crafts

Regulate any part of the grape plant (except the fruit) under 7CFR 319.37 because of a diversity of diseases.

**TABLE 3-11: Regulating Grapevines and Grapevine Crafts**

If the articles are:	And are:	Then:
Made, crafted, or woven from grapevines, wholly or in part. Examples are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Baskets</li> <li>◆ Wreaths</li> <li>◆ Mats</li> <li>◆ Decorations</li> </ul>	Partially or completely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Dried</li> <li>◆ Bleached</li> <li>◆ Dyed, Or</li> <li>◆ Green</li> </ul>	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ

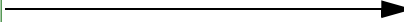
## Herbs, Spices, Leaves, and Teas

Use this section to regulate the noncommercial imports of fresh or dried plant material that is commonly imported for consumption.

If the intended use is for planting or the plant product is capable of growing, go to **Plants, Seeds, Bulbs, and Plant Parts on page 3-18**.

If the intended use is decoration, go to **Cut Flowers and Greenery on page 3-11**.

**TABLE 3-12: Herbs, Spices, Leaves, and Teas**

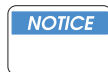
If the plants are:	And the parts are:	Then:
Ground to a fine dry powder		RELEASE
Amaranth	Leaf or stem	
Anise	Leaf or stem	
Arugula	Leaf or stem	
Banana	Leaf, flower	
Basil	Bract, leaf, stem	
Bay	Leaf or stem	
Borage	Leaf or stem	
Celery	Leaf, stem, root	
Chives	Leaf, stem, vegetable	
Cilantro (coriander)	Leaf or stem	

**TABLE 3-12: Herbs, Spices, Leaves, and Teas (continued)**

If the plants are:	And the parts are:	Then:
Citrus	Leaf, flower, bark, stems, roots	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Coffee	Leaf, flower, root, or coffee berry	
	Coffee bean	RELEASE
Cucumber	Flower, vegetable	
Dill	Above ground parts	
Eucalyptus	Fresh and dried leaves	
Lamb's quarters	Above ground parts	
Lemon	Leaf, flower, bark, stems, roots	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Limes (key, Persian, sour, Mexican)	Leaf, flower, bark, stems, roots	
Marjoram	Herb	RELEASE
Mint	Herb	
Oregano	Herb - above ground parts	
Paprika	Herb or vegetable	RELEASE
Pápalo	Above ground parts	
Papaloquelite	Above ground parts	
Parsley	Leaf, stem, root	
Parsnip	Herb	
Peppers	Seeds	
	Crushed, dried, ground, or shredded	
	Green leaves	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Pepicha	Above ground parts	RELEASE
Pimento	Herb or vegetable	
Pepper berries (Vietnamese la chau)	Leaf, stem	
Poreleaf	Above ground parts	
Quilquina	Above ground parts	
Purslane	Herb	
Roselle (sorrel)	Calyx	
Rosemary	Above ground parts	
Sage	Herb	
Salsify	Herb	
Squash	Flower, vegetable	
Tarragon	Above ground parts	
Thyme	Above ground parts	
Not listed above		PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
	→	

## Plants, Seeds, Bulbs, and Plant Parts

Regulate plants and plant parts capable of growing (propagation) under 7CFR 319.37 to prevent the entry of many exotic plant pests; and under 50CFR 17 and 50CFR 23 to prevent the international trade of endangered and threatened plants.



Prohibit entry into any international port of entry not staffed by PPQ, live plants, cuttings, seeds, bulbs, and other plant parts that are intended for planting or are capable of growing.

**TABLE 3-13: Regulating Plants, Seeds, Bulbs, and Plant Parts for Planting**

If the plants or plant parts are intended for:	And are:	Then:
Planting (propagation)	—————→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Eating (consumption) or medicinal use	Capable of growing	REGULATE as an herb, fruit, or vegetable. For herbs, go to <a href="#">page 3-16</a> . For fruits or vegetables, go to <a href="#">page 3-12</a> .
	<b>Not</b> capable of growing	
Decoration	Capable of growing	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
	<b>Not</b> capable of growing	REGULATE as a decoration or cut flower. Go to <a href="#">page 3-11</a> .
Laboratory or propagation analysis	—————→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
A use <b>other than</b> listed above	—————→	CONTACT PPQ

## Pressed Plants and Herbarium Specimens

Regulate herbarium specimens and other preserved plant materials under 7CFR 330 to prevent the entry of exotic pests, primarily diseases; and, under 50CFR 17 and 50CFR 23 to protect endangered and protected plants.

Noncommercial imports of pressed, dried plants are used in scientific or private research, reference, or herbarium collections.

**TABLE 3-14: Regulating Pressed Plants and Herbarium Specimens**

If the plants or plant parts are:	Then:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Preserved in a fluid</li> <li>◆ Pressed in a plant press</li> <li>◆ Boxed, or</li> <li>◆ In <b>any other</b> manner used for transporting herbarium specimens</li> </ul>	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ

## Rice and Rice Products

Regulate rice and rice plant parts under 7CFR 319.55 to prevent the entry of many exotic pathogens and insects.

Rice and rice products can be imported for eating, decorating, planting, animal feed, processing, as packing material, or any other purpose.

**TABLE 3-15: Regulating Rice and Rice Products**

If the plant products are:	Then:
Seeds or grain	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Coarse, milled rice	
Hulls, articles made or manufactured from hulls	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Straw</li> <li>◆ Chaff</li> <li>◆ Stalks</li> <li>◆ Stems</li> </ul>	
Ornaments or crafts containing rice straw	
Rice cakes and other baked or similarly processed goods	RELEASE
Other articles containing rice that are <b>not</b> described above	CONTACT PPQ

## Seeds and Nuts for Eating or Decorating

Regulate small amounts (one pound or less) of seeds and nuts commonly imported for eating (human or animal) or for decorating.

If the intended use is for planting, go to **Plants, Seeds, Bulbs, and Plant Parts** on page 3-18.

**TABLE 3-16: Regulating Seeds and Nuts for Eating or Decorating**

If the name of the seed is:	And are:	Then:
Acorn	Free of outer husk	RELEASE
	With outer husk	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Almond	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Apricot	→	
Avocado	→	
Bamboo	→	
Barberry	→	
Barley	→	RELEASE
Batnut	→	
Beans	→	
Betel nut	→	REFER to FDA
Cherry	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Chestnut	Free of outer husk	RELEASE
	With outer husk	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Chickpea (garbanzo)	→	RELEASE
Citrus	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Coconut	Free of outer husk	RELEASE
	With outer husk or with milk	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Coffee, green unroasted beans	Free of berry	RELEASE
	With berry	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Corn	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Cotton	→	
Cucumber	→	
Hibiscus	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY

**TABLE 3-16: Regulating Seeds and Nuts for Eating or Decorating (continued)**

If the name of the seed is:	And are:	Then:
Jojoba	_____➡	RELEASE
Kola nut (Cola nut)	Free of outer husk	
	With outer husk	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Lentil	_____➡	RELEASE
Macadamia nut	Free of outer husk	
	With outer husk	PROHIBIT ENTRY
<i>Mahoberberis</i>	_____➡	
Mango	_____➡	RELEASE
Melon	_____➡	
Mexican jumping bean	_____➡	
Millet	_____➡	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Nectarine	_____➡	
Niger seed	_____➡	
Oats	Wild or animated	
	Grain	RELEASE
Okra	_____➡	1. PROHIBIT ENTRY 2. REFER to PPQ because of pink bollworm
Peach	_____➡	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Peanut and related ground nuts	_____➡	RELEASE
Piñon nut	_____➡	
Plum	_____➡	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Potato (including Irish potato, sweet potato, and yam)	Cooked	RELEASE
	Raw	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Rice (excluding red rice, which is prohibited)	Polished rice	RELEASE
	Paddy rice	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Rye	_____➡	RELEASE
Sesame seed (if free of other seeds)	_____➡	
Singhara nut	_____➡	
Squash	_____➡	
Sugar cane	_____➡	PROHIBIT ENTRY

**TABLE 3-16: Regulating Seeds and Nuts for Eating or Decorating (continued)**

If the name of the seed is:	And are:	Then:
Sweet pea	→	RELEASE
Vetch	→	
Water chestnut	→	
Wheat	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY
Processed by: ♦ Roasting ♦ Drying ♦ Salting ♦ Shelling ♦ Vacuum packing	→	RELEASE
<b>Other than</b> those listed above	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ

## Sugar Cane Plants and Plant Parts

Regulate sugar cane plants and plant parts under 7CFR 319.15 to prevent the entry of injurious insects and fungi.

**TABLE 3-17: Regulating Sugar cane Plants and Plant Parts**

If the sugar cane plant parts or products are:	And are:	Then:
Chews or stalks	Peeled and cut into internodal sections (no nodes are present)	RELEASE
	Unpeeled or nodes are present	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Juice	→	
♦ Syrup ♦ Molasses ♦ Pressed cakes ♦ Bagasse ashes	→	RELEASE
Seeds for any purpose	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
♦ Leaves	→	
♦ Flowers	→	
♦ Other plant parts	→	



## U.S. Origin Plants and Plant Products

Regulate noncommercial imports of plants and plant products that:

- ◆ Are definitively of U.S. origin
- ◆ Have left the United States for a short time, and
- ◆ Are being presented for reentry into the United States

Verify the origin of plants and plant products by:

- ◆ Looking at accompanying documents, stenciling, packaging markings, and sales receipts
- ◆ Questioning the traveler, and
- ◆ Using your best judgement

Usually it will be the cumulative evidence that will satisfy the question of origin. If the origin cannot be verified, regulate as if the origin was Mexico or contact PPQ.



There have been instances of counterfeit documents and stenciling on fruit. Also, plants and plant products of foreign origin have been substituted for U.S. products in U.S. labeled packaging. For example: Mexican apples placed in a name brand Oregon bag.

**TABLE 3-18: Regulating U.S. Origin Plants and Plant Products**

If the plants or plant products are:	And are:	And are:	Then:
Fruits or vegetables	Citrus	From California, Florida, or Texas	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
		From <b>other than</b> California, Florida, or Texas	RELEASE
	<b>Other than</b> citrus	→	
Live plants in motor homes only	Cactus, succulent, other protected plants	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
	<b>Other than</b> cactus/succulent	In soil	PROHIBIT ENTRY
		Without soil	RELEASE
Plant product contaminants, packing material such as hay, straw, plant litter, or seeds	→	→	
Wood products	→	→	

## Wheat and Wheat Products

Regulate wheat plants and plant parts under 7CFR 319.59 to prevent the entry of flag smut (*Urocystic agropyri*) and Karnal bunt (*Tilletia indica*).

The wheat plant yields many products. Foremost is the grain itself. The grain may be imported for food or for animal feed. Then, from the milling of the grain, there are several by-products, such as shorts, middling, and flour. Wheat hay and straw may also be imported. Decorative articles may enter that are made from heads and leaves of the wheat plant. Finally, wheat straw may be used as packing material protecting fragile articles.

**TABLE 3-19: Regulating Wheat and Wheat Products**

If the wheat parts or products are:	And are:	Then:
Seed, raw or toasted		PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Sprays or seed heads	→	
◆ Straw		
◆ Chaff		
◆ Stalks	→	
◆ Stems		RELEASE
◆ Bran		
Bird seed or chicken scratch containing wheat	→	
Ornaments or crafts containing wheat parts	→	
Flour	Coarsely ground	
	Finely milled	
Bread and other baked goods	→	CONTACT PPQ
Other articles containing wheat that are <b>not</b> described above	→	

## Wood Products

This category covers **noncommercial lots** of wood products. Refer **commercial shipments** to ports where they must be cleared by PPQ personnel.

Note that some wood products not protected under ESA/CITES originating from the Mexican States adjacent to the U.S. border are allowed entry, but the articles are subject to inspection. Contact PPQ for further information on local guidelines for wood products.

**TABLE 3-20: Regulating Wood Products**

If the wood products are:	Then:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Logs, cants, crossties, or stumps (cut or uncut)</li><li>◆ Mulch or forest litter<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Wood shavings</li><li>❖ Wood chips</li><li>❖ Sawdust</li></ul></li><li>◆ Firewood</li><li>◆ Cut logs or lumber</li><li>◆ Decorative bark</li><li>◆ Processed wood product<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>❖ Veneer</li><li>❖ Pulpwood</li><li>❖ Plywood</li><li>❖ Paper board</li><li>❖ Furniture</li></ul></li></ul>	<p>PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ</p> <p>Check about the local risk assessment of some processed wood products and of others that are covered by a wood injunction dated June 1997.</p>



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### Bags, Bagging, and Covers

Regulate used bags, bagging, and covers of burlap, cloth, jute, or other material under 7CFR 319.8, 7CFR 319.59, 7CFR 319.75, 7CFR 330, and 9CFR 94.23 to prevent the entry of exotic plant and animal diseases.

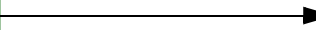
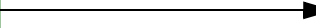
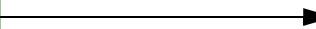
**TABLE 4-1: Regulating Used Bags, Bagging, and Covers**

If the articles are:	And are used to hold or cover:	And are:	Then:
New, unused bags, bagging, or covers made of burlap, cloth, jute, synthetic material, or other material		→	RELEASE
Used bags, bagging, or covers	Cotton	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
	Meat or poultry (fresh or frozen)	→	
	Root crops	Contaminated with soil	
		Free of soil	RELEASE
	Wheat or wheat products	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
	Plant or animal products <b>not</b> listed above	→	CONTACT PPQ

## Bees and Beekeeping Equipment

Regulate bees and beekeeping equipment under 7CFR 319.76 to prevent the entry of exotic diseases and parasites of bees.

**TABLE 4-2: Regulating Bees and Beekeeping Equipment**

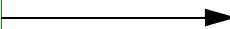
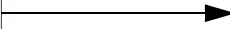
If the articles are:	And are:	Then:
Live bees for any purpose (adults or larvae)		PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Dead bees for analysis (adults or larvae)	Obviously dead	RELEASE
	Questionably dead	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Honeycombs for a purpose <b>other than</b> consumption		
Honey (including comb honey) or pollen	For feeding bees (bee feed)	
	For human consumption or further processing	GO to <b>Honey and Pollen</b> on <b>page 4-2</b>
Beekeeping equipment	New	RELEASE
	Used	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
<b>Other than</b> listed above		CONTACT PPQ

## Honey and Pollen

Regulate honey and pollen under 7CFR 319.76 to prevent the entry of exotic diseases and parasites of bees.

See also [Bees and Beekeeping Equipment](#) for additional action on **page 4-2**.

**TABLE 4-3: Regulating Honey and Pollen**

If the article is:	And is for:	And:	Then:
Honey	Feeding bees (bee feed)		PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
	Human consumption	With or without combs	RELEASE
	Further processing, such as removal of comb for bee use	Is pure and clean without honeycomb present	
		Has honeycomb as part of the honey	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Pollen	Feeding bees (bee feed)		
		Is raw pollen	
	Human consumption or further processing	Is in pill form	RELEASE

## Insects

Regulate insects under 7CFR 330 to prevent the importation of insects from Mexico or any origin, use [Table 4-4](#).

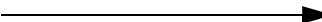
**TABLE 4-4: Regulating Insects**

If the insects are:	And are:	Then:
Dead, intended for scientific, collection, consumption, or ornamentation purposes (may be preserved in fluid or dry mounted)	Adult or larvae	RELEASE
	Cocoon or pupae	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Live for any purpose	Adult, larvae, or cocoon (pupae)	

## Packing Material and Containers

Regulate packing materials and containers because of insects, ticks, animal diseases, and plant diseases that may infest or contaminate these articles.

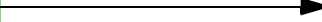
**TABLE 4-5: Regulating Packing Material and Containers**

If the articles are:	And are:	Then:
Cardboard boxes	Used for meat or eggs	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
	Used for dry goods	RELEASE
	New, unused	
Burlap or jute bags	Used	GO to <a href="#">Table 4-1</a>
	New, unused	RELEASE
Plastic, metal, or glass containers (clean)		
Wood crates	Free of soil	
	Contaminated with soil	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Coconut fiber (dried)	Packing material	RELEASE
Coffee hulls	Packing material	
Excelsior	Packing material	
Exfoliated vermiculite	Packing material	
Ground cork	Packing material	
Ground peat	Packing material	
Ground rubber	Packing material	
Leaves	From banana	RELEASE
	From other plants	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ

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## Soil, Quarry Articles, and Mining Samples

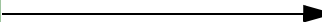
**TABLE 4-5: Regulating Packing Material and Containers (continued)**

If the articles are:	And are:	Then:
Paper	Packing material	RELEASE
Perlite	Packing material	
Polymer stabilized cellulose	Packing material	
Quarry gravel	Packing material	
Sawdust	Packing material	
Shavings - wood or cork	Packing material	
Spanish moss	Packing material	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Sphagnum moss	Packing material	RELEASE
Vegetable fiber, when free of pulp	Packing material	
Packing materials or containers that are wholly inorganic	New or unused	
Containers or packing materials that are <b>not</b> listed here		CONTACT PPQ

**Soil, Quarry Articles, and Mining Samples**

Regulate soil, quarry articles, and mining samples under 7CFR 330 to prevent the entry of exotic plant diseases and nematodes.

**TABLE 4-6: Regulating Soil, Quarry Articles, and Mining Samples**

If the articles are:	And are:	Then:
◆ Sand	Free of soil and plant matter	RELEASE
◆ Gravel	Contaminated with soil or plant matter	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
◆ Stones		
◆ Rocks		
◆ Marble		
◆ Slate		
◆ Limestone, or		
◆ Other quarry articles		
Mining samples	Free of soil and plant matter	RELEASE
	Contaminated with soil or plant matter	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Soil as an importation or as a contaminant		



## USDA Permit Material

Prohibit plants and plant products that require an import permit issued by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

**TABLE 4-7: Regulating USDA Permit Material**

If the material is:	And is presented for:	Then:
Prohibited from being imported. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Mango fruits</li> <li>◆ Pepper plants</li> <li>◆ Soil samples</li> <li>◆ Fresh pork</li> <li>◆ Live insects</li> </ul>	Importation with or without an official USDA permit	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
Enterable in noncommercial quantities. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Fresh peppers</li> <li>◆ Dried beef</li> </ul>	Commercial importation with or without an official USDA permit	

## Used Machinery and Vehicles

Regulate used machinery and vehicles that are involved in farming or earth moving under 7CFR 330 to prevent the entry of exotic plant pests and nematodes.

**TABLE 4-8: Regulating Used Machinery and Vehicles**

If the machinery or vehicles are:	And are:	And are:	Then:
New, unused		→	RELEASE
Used	Farming machinery excluding that which is used for cotton or wheat: ◆ Tractors ◆ Plows ◆ Combines ◆ Balers ◆ Swathers ◆ Harvesters	Free of soil or plant matter	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
		Contaminated with soil or plant matter	
	Earth moving machinery: ◆ Back hoes ◆ Graders ◆ Front end loaders ◆ Scrapers ◆ Dump trucks ◆ Drilling equipment ◆ Mining equipment	Free of soil	RELEASE
		Contaminated with soil	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ
	Cotton equipment including those used for: ◆ Ginning ◆ Picking ◆ Cleaning ◆ Transporting	→	
	Wheat farming equipment: ◆ Combines ◆ Harvesters	→	

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### Cargo Importations—Nonagricultural Commercial

Cargo being imported commercially into the United States must be free of any article regulated by USDA-APHIS-PPQ. The entire shipment from commodity to packing must be free of agricultural products.

Therefore, commercial cargo containing articles of agriculture interest, either as the article itself, packing, or contamination, must be cleared at a port of entry staffed by PPQ.

**TABLE 5-1: Regulating Articles of Agricultural Interests Contained in Commercial Cargo**

If commercial cargo is declared:	And is:	Then:
Free of agricultural articles, packing, and contamination	Inspected and found to be free of agriculture interests	RELEASE
<b>Not</b> free of agriculture interests, either by the article, packing, transport contamination, etc. <sup>1</sup>	→	PROHIBIT ENTRY or CONTACT PPQ

- <sup>1</sup> Exceptions may exist, and actions may vary from port to port based on the commodity, intended use, local risk assessment, and training. For example, cucumbers in brine enter Lukeville and Sasabe, AZ; and firewood from Sonora.

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## Clearing Private Aircraft

PPQ Port Directors may allow USC or INS to clear transiting aircraft and private aircraft based on specific advance information or when past experience shows no pest risk involved.

If PPQ is unable to meet the flight and gives you authorization to clear it, then do the following:

Inspect:

- ◆ Passengers and baggage
- ◆ Crew
- ◆ Cargo
- ◆ Passenger and crew seating areas, stores, storage areas, and garbage/food wastes

**TABLE 5-2: Inspecting the Flight**

<b>If you:</b>	<b>Then:</b>
Discover agricultural products	FOLLOW the regulatory actions in this guide or CONTACT PPQ
Do <b>not</b> discover agricultural products	TAKE no regulatory action for PPQ

## Clearing International Railcar Arrivals

Use the following procedures if railcars arrive at an international port of entry:

1. Contact PPQ.
2. If PPQ is unable to meet the railcar, then do the following:
3. Inspect:
  - A. Empty railcars including boxcars, grain hoppers, flatbeds, and other containers.
  - B. Loaded railcars with articles **not** of agricultural interest.
  - C. Loaded railcars with articles of agricultural interest.

**TABLE 5-3: Inspecting for Articles of Agricultural Interest Contained in Railcars**

If you:	Then:
Discover noncommercial quantities of agricultural products	FOLLOW the regulatory actions in this guide or CONTACT PPQ
Discover commercial quantities of agricultural products	PROHIBIT ENTRY as a commercial entry or CONTACT PPQ
Do <b>not</b> discover agricultural products	TAKE <b>no</b> regulatory action for PPQ

## Disposing of Seized or Abandoned Contraband

If an article is prohibited entry into the United States, it will become an article that is:

- ◆ Reexported back to Mexico by the owner
- ◆ Abandoned to the port, or
- ◆ Seized by a designated officer of the port

Methods of disposal vary depending on what the article is. Correct disposal methods are necessary to prevent plant or animal pests from being disseminated into the United States. Use [Table 5-4](#) to take appropriate action, keeping in mind expediency and cost effectiveness.



Smuggled agricultural items should not be allowed to be reexported by the owner, as it invites the alleged smuggler to try again.

**TABLE 5-4: Determining Methods of Disposal**

If the article is:	And is:	Then:
Prohibited entry into the U.S.A.	<b>Not</b> protected by ESA or CITES regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ REEXPORT by owner, or</li> <li>◆ REEXPORT by non-owner, or</li> <li>◆ SEND to PPQ or PPQ will PICK UP or</li> <li>◆ DESTROY by approved methods</li> </ul>
	Protected by ESA or CITES regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ REEXPORT by owner, or</li> <li>◆ SEND to PPQ or PPQ will PICK UP</li> </ul>
<b>Other than</b> above (admissible or not mentioned)	→	CONTACT PPQ

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## Record Keeping Procedures

### Monthly Statistics

PPQ requests that cooperating agencies keep monthly statistics at the international ports of entry, showing how many and what types of agricultural items are seized. This information is valuable to determine if there is a need for permanent or intermittent staffing at the ports devoid of PPQ presence, as well as being an accurate tool to analyze pest risk and to identify possible corridors of exotic pest introduction.

Record your information on PPQ Form 211, Quarantine Material Interceptions - Mexican Border. See [Appendix B](#) for a sample. If an article is not listed (coconuts, for example), write it in.

### Interceptions

For fruits and vegetables, record the number as an interception, not as the number of articles in an interception. For sugarcane, record the number of nodes in an interception. For meats, record the number of pounds in an interception. For eggs, count the number of eggs in an interception. For seed and soil, count the number of pounds in an interception.

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#### Example: Recording the quarantine interceptions:

A baggage inspection of 1 vehicle yielded 20 oranges, 5 mangoes, 2 pounds of pork, 12 eggs, and a lemon tree in 5 pounds of soil, 40 nodes or sugarcane in 10 stalks.

Record interceptions of quarantine material as:

- ◆ Mangoes - 1
- ◆ Oranges - 1
- ◆ Plant - 1
- ◆ Soil (lbs) - 5
- ◆ Sugarcane (nodes) - 40 (1 interception)
- ◆ Pork (lbs) - 2
- ◆ Eggs (ea) - 12

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Record the number of vehicles cleaned or returned to Mexico because of contamination for hay, straw, manure, other animal by-products, or soil.

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Send copies of all fines and penalties for undeclared or smuggled prohibited agricultural articles to the nearest PPQ office. The information will be included in our violator database, and possibly forwarded to IES agents for additional penalties.

Any feedback or information regarding agricultural importations or problems at your port would be appreciated. Please forward your comments or concerns to the nearest PPQ Office:

USDA-APHIS-PPQ  
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Nogales, Arizona 85621  
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# Appendix A

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### Plant Protection and Quarantine

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Los Indios Bridge Port of Entry  
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## Appendix B

### *Sample of PPQ Form 211, Quarantine Material Interceptions - Mexican Border*

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Use PPQ Form 211, Quarantine Material Interceptions - Mexican Border, on [page B-2](#) to record your information on the kinds and quantities of agricultural items seized.

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